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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:

Frederick R. BLATTNER *et al.*

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2005, for which the date for response is January 6, 2006, by virtue of a Petition for Extension of Time (three months) and payment of fees. It is believed that no other fees are due; however, should applicants' check be missing, or any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/WARF:018US/SLH.

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